

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the communication dated February 18, 2005, which set a one-month period for response, making the Applicants' response due by March 18, 2005.

Claims 1-2 and 5-18 are pending in this application.

In the communication, the Applicants' reply filed on December 15, 2004 was objected to as not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the Applicants did not completely respond to each rejection made. In particular, the Examiner stated that the Applicants did not respond to the double patenting provisional rejection.

First, the Applicants apologize for the oversight in addressing this issue.

In the present amendment, which is submitted as a supplement to the Applicants' reply of December 15, 2004, the Applicants respectfully address the provisional rejection of claims 1-12 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9, 10, 11, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 17, and 9, respectively, of copending Application No. 10/049,712.

Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer, submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(a), disclaiming the terminal part of term of any patent granted in the cited copending application.

The Applicants believe this response addresses the remaining issue raised in the Office Action of July 29, 2004, and requests that further substantive

examination of the application and claims now be continued and that the arguments presented in the Applicants' responses now be considered.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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